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Application Number	09/646,198
Filing Date	September 14, 2000
First Named Inventor	Mitsui Matsui et al.
Art Unit	1773
Examiner Name	Nikolas J. Uhler
Attorney Docket Number	1419-00

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8,

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on July 10, 2003

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

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i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. ☒ Other Postcard, Claim of Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

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Filed : September 14, 2000
Inventors : Mitsuji Matsui
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 : FOR LIGHT-METAL CASTINGS
 : AND VEHICLE ALUMINUM
 : WHEEL SURFACE-TREATED
 : BY THE SAME METHOD

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